

I have been an amateur radio operator for nearly 50 years. I use amateur radio every day, on frequencies of 1.8 to 440 mhz. The FCC knows amateur radio has been a very useful tool in providing communications during natural disasters, MARS (Military networks etc. The proposal for accepting BPL Technology should not be accepted. The interference caused by BPL are frequencies amateur radio operators need, to provide 99 % of HF communications, for example distant communication for hundreds of miles.

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, says Broadband over Power Line (BPL)--if widely deployed--would represent "spectrum pollution" on a level that is "difficult to imagine." My reaction after seeing videotape and early data from recent ARRL field studies in four states where BPL is undergoing testing was to urge the FCC not to allow or permit BPL Technology to be used. All amateur radio will cease, using frequencies from 2.0 to 80.0 MHz.

"BPL is the most crucial issue facing Amateur Radio and the one that has the most devastating potential," Haynie said. In terms of interference potential on HF and low-VHF frequencies, "nothing is on the same scale as BPL."

I join with the amateur community and urge the FCC - NO BPL

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